(c) what has been achieved by such schemes, during last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) As per employment exchange statistics, the total number of graduates unemployed including youth, all of whom may not necessarily be unemployed, was about 1.96 lakh in the State of Rajasthan as on 31st December, 2005.

(b) and (c) Government has been attempting employment generation through normal growth process of the economy as well as through special employment generation programmes. Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojana (PMRY) aims at providing employment to educated unemployed including graduates. Progress achieved by the Government of Rajasthan under PMRY during the last three financial years is given below:

Item	Year		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07*
Target allocated (Nos.)	18200	18700	19200
No. of cases disbursed by banks	12919	13868	14149
Estimated Employment Generated #	19379	20802	21224

*Provisional

Estimated employment generated calculated @ 15 per case disbursed.

Number of workers in unorganised sector in the country

†1170. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:

DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:

Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that on the basis of latest figures the number of workers in unorganised sector has gone to 37 crore in the country;

(b) if not, the exact number thereof;

(c) the percentage of this class as compared to total working class of the country;

(d) whether Government have decided to enact law to provide social security to this working class;

(e) if so, whether this decision would be translated into reality during the monsoon session; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) to (c) According to the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) during 1999-2000, the total number of workers in the unorganized sector was about 37 crore (93% of the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

total workforce in the country). The number has increased to 43.3 crore (94%) as per recent survey conducted by the same organization during 2004-05.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) and (f) The Unorganised Sector Workers Social Security Bill, 2007 is under active consideration and Government intends to introduce the Bill during current session of the Parliament.

Upgradation of ITIs

1171. SHRI B.K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration for major revamp and upgradation of the state-run Industrial Training Institutes under a Public-Private Partnership framework;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether corporate bodies like CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM etc. have ensured support for this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Union Finance Minister in his budget speech, 2007-08 announced upgradation of the remaining 1396 Government Industrial Training Institutes under public private partnership mode. Under the scheme, an interest free loan upto Rs. 2.5 crore per ITI is being provided for upgradation to Institute Management Committee to be headed by an industry partner who is being identified in consultation with industry bodies like CII, FICCI, ASSOCHAM, etc. which are fully supporting the scheme.

FDI in the beedi and tobacco sector

1172. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has received a representation from the Central Trade Union opposing the entry of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the beedi and tobacco sector;

(b) if so, the details of this representation;

(c) whether Government had done studies on the harmful effects of entry of giant foreign cigarette companies through FDI route; and

(d) the steps proposed to oppose entry of foreign MNCs into the beedi and tobacco sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.